

Bridegroom Paralyzed in Auto Crash Weds Local Girl

A pretty, 24-year-old Torrance girl who for nearly two months has lived in anxious fear of her husband-to-be's life is now a happy bride.

Standing by the chair in which the partially paralyzed man sat, Miss Anna Svensk, 1523-B Mar-

celina Ave., said "I do," promising to love honor, and cherish him in sickness and in health . . . young Bob McKinney, who was injured in an auto accident near here on Mar. 7.

The crash occurred as he was returning from a bachelor party on the eve of his wedding, leaving him with a completely paralyzed left arm and leg. While doctors battled first for his life, then for the recovery of the use of his limbs, his worried bride-to-be kept a nightly vigil at his hospital bedside.

Doctors operated first in an attempt to remove the blood clot on the brain, which they believed was causing the paralysis. During surgery, they discovered that a concussion was the root of the trouble, and that as the concussion wore off, the paralysis would leave.

Now McKinney is able to walk when supported on either side, a close friend of the bride said, and it is expected that within a year he will regain normal use of both arm and leg.

The simple ceremony uniting

Miss Svensk and the injured, 4739 Compton Blvd., who remain at the home of his sister at least until the first week of May, the bride's friend disclosed. If the May check-up reveals that he can be released from treatment, McKinney will return to Torrance from Phoenix today to resume her duties at Northrop Aircraft. Her husband, now undergoing treatment from a Phoenix doctor, will

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POLICE HUNT STABBER; VICTIM IS NEAR DEATH

Torrance Man Gets \$115,000

Man Injured by Redondo Beach Police Car Awarded Damages by Unanimous Vote of Jury

A Seaside Heights resident who claimed serious injuries as a result of being hit by a Redondo Beach police car Nov. 25, 1951, was awarded \$115,000 in damages by a Superior Court last Thursday.

Climaxing a trial of more than a week, the jury was unanimous in awarding Arthur P. Howe, of 5233 Vanderhill Rd., only \$35,000 less than his suit had demanded. The case was heard in the court of Superior Judge Robert H. Scott.

The jury of seven women and five men returned the unanimous verdict against the unnamed Redondo Beach and two police officers, William Field, driver of the car, and Henry Chemtizer.

In an answer to the suit filed prior to the trial, the city claimed

Civic Leaders To Meet Chace At Group Dinner

An informal dinner gathering with Burton W. Chace, newly appointed Supervisor for the Fourth District and Mrs. Chace as guests of honor, has been arranged by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of acquainting Mr. Chace with Torrance, Chamber spokesmen announced recently.

The dinner will be held Wednesday evening at Smith Bros. Fish Shanty, at 7 o'clock, and attendance is by invitation only. Invitations have been sent to members of the City Council, the City Manager, officers and board members of the Chamber of Commerce, and representatives of the schools, churches, press and other organized local groups.

Other than introductory remarks, no speeches will be made. Chamber spokesmen said. Selection will recite briefly the features or accomplishments of the functions they represent, and discussion will be invited, but not necessarily controlled.

The dinner will cost \$2.50, and attendees are expected to pay their own way in advance, by contacting the Chamber. Since seating will be pre-arranged, it is necessary for those planning to attend to contact the Chamber secretary by phone not later than noon on Tuesday and tell her of their intention. Approximately 30 will be invited to the dinner.

Victim Undergoes Surgery; May Live

A 20-year-old employee of the Federal Burner Corp. lay near death in Torrance Memorial Hospital yesterday while police conducted an all-points manhunt for a fellow employee who is suspected of stabbing him following an argument on the way to work Friday morning.

Local Boy Finds Cache of Loot From LA Robbery

A cache of property deeds, \$3000 in stock certificates, and numerous other valuable papers was uncovered by a Torrance youth Thursday while playing in a slough near Vermont Ave. and East Rd.

The boy, Kenny Preder, 14, 20424 Oak St., turned the loot over to local police who discovered that the papers were part of the valuables taken in a burglary of the home of Richard Weber, a Los Angeles glove manufacturer, who lives at 605 East 42nd St.

Still missing, police said, was a \$1500 ring and \$1500 in cash, which were also taken in the burglary, which was believed to have taken place sometime between April 10 and 14.

Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett returned the valuables to Weber.

Torrance Cadet Band to Play in Maytime Review

The Torrance area Cadet Band will travel to National City Saturday to take part in the Sixth Annual Maytime Band Review, where they will compete against approximately 100 top ranking Southland bands for trophies and awards.

Altogether, 50 Cadet Band members, and 20 girls from the Girls Baton Corps will make the trip. They will leave by chartered bus at 9 a.m. Saturday morning from the Civic Auditorium. This will be the first year that a Torrance youth band has taken part in the Maytime Review.

The Cadet band is made up of youngsters of junior high and early high school age, and is under the direction of Jim Van Dyck, who also directs the two other Torrance area Youth Bands, the junior and the senior.

Participants will pay their own way to National City, and plan to visit some of the scenic sights of Mexico after the Band Review, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

A crowd of more than 150,000 is expected to watch the 3200 young musicians taking part in the Review, some coming from as far north as Victorville to compete for the numerous awards and prizes, which will be presented to the winners immediately after the parade.

The Bonham Brothers Band of San Diego won top honors last year.

Pair Plead Guilty of Wire Thefts

Two Torrance teenagers accused of pilfering nearly a ton of valuable copper wire here last week, pleaded guilty to petty theft charges and were ordered to be in court on May 13 for probation hearing and sentencing.

Appearing before Judge John A. Shidler, John Theodore Hoyis, 18, of Cota Ave., and Everett Wilford Smith, 19, of 1422 W. 214th St., entered pleas of guilty to the petty theft after felony charges had been reduced.

The boys were apprehended after investigation turned up their names as sellers of huge amounts of the valuable wire to metal dealers in the area.

Employment Gains

Civilian employment in California totaled 4,736,000 in March, a slight gain since February and an increase of 209,000 since March, 1952, according to a joint statement issued by Directors Paul Scharrenberg of the state department of industrial relations and James C. Bryant of the state department of employment.

Slate Seaside Sewer Assessment Hearing

Assessments to be levied for installation of sewers in the Seaside Ranchos tract will be the subject of a hearing to be held before the city council Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Owners of 230 parcels of property in the subdivision will pay \$372.48 each for the \$85,298 project, which has already been completed.



(Staff photo by Milt Svensk)
THE WINNER . . . Lovely Karen Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean, 2564 Torrance Blvd., won first prize for the most beautiful costume Friday night at El Camino College's Artists Ball, held at the Campus Center under the sponsorship of Alpha Rho Tau, campus art club. Karen also sang as part of the intermission entertainment. Joyce Swanson, also from Torrance, won first prize for the "Silliest" costume.

'Barefoot' Suit Testimony Ends

Testimony in the suit of 72-year-old Walter "Barefoot" Shumaker who is seeking to recover approximately \$40,000 from his Tijuana-wed wife, also 72, ended Friday and the Superior Court Judge hearing the case without a jury took over the case under advisement.

Before doing so, the judge cleared C. T. Rippey and C. T. Rippey Jr., who had been named defendants in the suit.

Still remaining to be decided is the claim by Shumaker that his wife, whom he married in 1951, has bilked him out of his \$40,000 estate, which included several parcels of real estate and savings accounts in several banks and savings institutions.

Shumaker claimed he remembered nothing of marrying Mrs. Edith Mae Foster, although other witnesses have testified at the trial that they accompanied the

pair to the Mexican border city where the ceremony was performed.

Shortly after the wedding, Shumaker was committed to a sanitarium, his suit says.

The trial has been sparked by testimony stating that someone did the proposing for Mrs. Foster, that Shumaker made love to Mrs. Foster all the way to Tijuana and back, in addition to the bride's admission that she had gone to Las Vegas to gamble.

Local Liquor License Fees Bring \$5,351

Torrance will receive \$5,351 in revenue from liquor license fees this fiscal year, part of the largest total revenue—nearly eight and a half million dollars—ever collected in California, according to the State Board of Equalization.

Local governments in Los Angeles county will receive 30.4 percent of the total distribution. The county itself will get \$210,922, Los Angeles city \$971,759, and other cities in the county \$522,801, for a grand total of \$1,705,481.

Send Tidwell Charges to Union Clerks

Official copies of the report by the union Local 905 trial committee on its findings against Haskell Tidwell, discharged secretary-treasurer of the union, were received by retail clerks of the union yesterday.

A letter explaining the report was signed by A. B. Crossler, international vice president, and Ella Mosesso, international deputy.

The report, adopted at a membership meeting on April 16, listed counts preferred against Tidwell by union members Wally Elliott, Andy Anderson and Danny Anderson.

The trial committee found Tidwell guilty of 10 out of 13 counts, the report indicated. Tidwell denied the charges.

Send Speeder to Psycho Ward After Collision, Fisticuffs

After speeding at 75 miles per hour through Palos Verdes Estates, smashing his car into another, and engaging in fisticuffs with police officers, Joseph C. LaPorte, 21, 1562 W. 2138th St., was certified into the psychopathic ward of Los Angeles General Hospital Thursday night.

Police began pursuing LaPorte after he ran a red light at Palos Verdes Dr. West and Cloyd Rd. He gunned through Palos Verdes Estates and struck another car at Via Campesina and Paseo del Campo. The impact of the collision threw his passenger, Jo Ann Hall, 15, 21916 Haldale Ave., through the windshield.

The other driver, Robert C. Ellsworth, Harbor City, was treated for minor injuries and the girl sustained lacerations of the face, a broken jaw, and several broken teeth. Both were taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Officers said that LaPorte fell

into what they called a fit at the police station and began striking them with his fists. A physician then certified him for a psychiatric examination.

Moose Install Desmond Today

The installation of Dan Desmond as the new governor of the Torrance Local Order of Moose will be presented in colorful ceremonies this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Moose hall, 1744 W. Carson St.

Desmond will receive his oath of office from George Powell, junior past governor, after witnessing the swearing-in of his cabinet.

The installation of officers ceremony is open to the public. Powell, however, has asked that friends and relatives arrive at an early time to take advantage of the limited seating available.

Donald Maher In New Post

Appointed to the position of Controller for the Mission Appliance Corp. recently was Donald M. Maher, 2413 West Carson St., the firm announced yesterday.

A member of the Controllers Institute of America, National Association of Cost Accountants, and Kiwanis, Maher has been a resident of Torrance for a number of years. He joined Mission last fall after leaving Dresser Equipment Co. here.



SHOT IN THE ARM . . . Dr. E. H. Tutunjan, assisted by Mrs. T. A. Robinson, vaccinates Irene Garcia, a Perry Elementary School seventh grader, against smallpox during a recent visit to the school. Thousands of Torrance area students have gone through similar experiences during the past few weeks.

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